

November 1, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Plains Unit of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is developing plans for a proposed timber sale. The project, known as Calico Timber Sale, is located approximately 19 air miles northwest of Plains, MT in Sections 32, 34 Township 23 North, Range 27 West and Sections 4, 10, 16, Township 22 North, Range 27 West. The sale is in the earliest stages of planning, but will most likely involve shelterwood, selective and regenerative harvest with ground based and cable logging systems. The project may include some new road construction, reconditioning, obliteration and closures. This sale, which would likely sell in the fall of 2013, is being proposed to benefit the Common Schools Trust (C.S.) and the Public Buildings School Trust (P.B) would involve an estimated 1400 acres and is projected to generate approximately 8.0 million board feet of timber.

This sale is being considered to generate revenue for the associated Trust Funds, improve forest health by reducing the possibility of insect and disease activity, to reduce excessive fuel loading and the related risk of wildfire, and to reestablish and promote timber types historically found in the area.

As an adjacent landowner or interested party, we request your input regarding this project. Your concerns and comments are needed to assist the DNRC in planning, analyzing, and implementing the project. We would appreciate your response by Monday, December 3, 2012 so that we may incorporate it into our planning process. Please send comments to: DNRC, Plains Unit, PO Box 219, Plains, MT 59859 or by email to dolsen@mt.gov or by phone at 406-826-4723.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Olsen

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